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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP TO SOLICIT COMMENTS
RELATING TO REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR BEHAVIORALLY CHALLENGED
MEDICAID RECIPIENTS**

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Date and Time of Meeting: December 16, 2004 starting at 9:00 a.m.

Location of Meeting: Public Utilities Commission
1150 E. William Street
Hearing Room A
Carson City, NV 89701

Public Utilities Commission
101 Convention Center Drive, Suite 250
Hearing Room A
Las Vegas, NV 89109

The Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) invites all nursing facility providers and other interested parties to a public workshop on proposed policy and reimbursement rates for behaviorally challenged Medicaid recipients in need of long term care.

The topic for this workshop is the problem of placing Medicaid recipients with severe behaviors problems into in-state nursing facilities. There are currently eighty Medicaid recipients residing in out-of-state nursing facilities. Generally, they suffer from difficult behaviors as a direct result of medical conditions, mental illnesses, traumatic brain injuries, mental retardation or dementias. The geriatric population presents unique and challenging medical problems. When difficult behavior issues are added to their already complex health problems, placement difficulties arise.

The DHCFP seeks discussion and input from the provider community on the proposed policy and reimbursement methodology. A Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) and Medicaid Services Manual revision will be necessary. Public comments are encouraged but may be limited due to time constraints and to allow others to speak.

Agenda items include:

1. Brief history of the problems related to in-state placements of behaviorally challenged individuals
2. Proposed policy criteria for behaviorally challenged level of care
3. Proposed SPA related to reimbursement methodology
4. Open forum for provider input
5. Question and Answer period moderated by DHCFP staff

Workshop related materials will be available on the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy website (<http://dhcfp.state.nv.us>). Copies of these materials will also be available at the workshop.

- Note: We are pleased to make reasonable accommodations for members of the public who are physically challenged and wish to attend the meeting. If special arrangements for the meeting are necessary, please notify the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy, in writing, at 1100 East William Street, Suite 102, Carson City, or call Nancy Davis at (775) 684-3715, as soon as possible, or e-mail at ndavis@dhcfp.state.nv.us.